

March 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education was called to order on March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Denise Duthe in the Board of Education conference room at Wolcott Street School.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Denise Duthe
Mr. Richard Lawrence
Mr. Peter Loftus
Mr. William MacKenzie
Mr. Lloyd Miller (via remote videoconferencing)

The following member was absent:

Mrs. Jacalyn Whiting

The following administrators were present:

Mr. Merritt Holly, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Brian Foeller, Business Administrator
Mr. Tim McArdle, High School Principal
Mrs. Carol Messura, Elementary Principal
Mr. Robert Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology
Ms. Chelsea Eaton, Director of Special Education & Student Services
Mr. Jamie Clark, Elementary Assistant Principal & Athletic Director

The following agenda changes were approved on a motion given by Mr.

Lawrence and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie:

**ADD TO: ITEM G.3. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF
 THE COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL
 EDUCATION**

**ADD TO: ITEM I.1.a. APPROVAL OF 2018-19 EXTRA-
 CURRICULAR & COACHING
 APPOINTMENTS**

Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holly reported on the NYSCOSS Winter Institute and Lobby Day that he attended in Albany from March 3-5. Ms. MaryEllen Elia, the NYS Commissioner of Education, addressed the participants and reinforced safety measures in schools while focusing on the mental health component to school safety plans. Mr. Holly met, along with the other Genesee Region superintendents, with Senator Ranzenhofer and a representative from Assemblyman Hawley's office. Neither was optimistic on any significant increases in school funding, in part due to a raise that is tied to the passing of an on-time budget.

Mr. Holly distributed information on the NYS audit of the cafeteria. The auditors completed their audit, which focused on purchasing procedures, protocols for federal and state funding and the local produce initiative and found Le Roy to be an exemplar school and a model for other districts.

Mr. Holly reported that he is still holding off on the 2019-20 school calendar while awaiting a decision from New York State on whether Election Day will be a state holiday. He will have a couple of different drafts of the instructional calendar at the March 26th meeting. He did inform the Board that there will be a two week break at Christmas and the first full week in April, plus the Monday following for Easter break. The Election Day decision would impact the February break.

Mr. Holly shared with the Board a draft letter that will be sent home to all parents to encourage 100% district participation in the upcoming ELA and Math assessments. The district administrative team will be taking a more active approach than in past years to encourage all students to take the assessments.

Mr. Holly reported that the fuel farm computer is not working. That computer is at least twenty years old. The district is in the process of getting a new computer with upgrades, but will have to issue all new fobs to users, as well as looking into new internet lines at the fuel farm on Lent Street. The approximate cost of the new computer is \$18,000, which may qualify for transportation aid. Mr. Holly has had conversations with Senator Ranzenhofer about the possibility of getting bullet aid for this. There is no provision for bullet aid currently, but Le Roy would be first on list if it goes through. An aide to Senator Ranzenhofer is researching possible technology aid opportunities to offset the cost to the district.

The shared decision making committee has reviewed the request for merged teams for the 2019-20 school year for hockey, gymnastics and swimming. The committee looked at participation rates and funding and decided to proceed with approval for next year. The committee and the athletic director did not see any adverse consequence to other Le Roy teams due to participation in merged teams.

The current enrollment figures for grades K-12 were distributed to the Board, along with the previous three enrollment samplings. The numbers are reflective of a very transient population. There was discussion of the high numbers of students, both entering and exiting, Le Roy High School. Typically, once in high school, those numbers would stay more solid.

Mr. Holly and Mr. Clark, at Board's direction, have been looking into other avenues for athletics in light of the district's move into Division I of the Livingston County Athletic Association. Mr. Clark at the Athletic Director's meeting held on Thursday, March 7th, inquired of the Executive Director of Section 5 about the process

for league affiliation, whether Section 5 needed to be involved, and was informed that Section 5 does not need to act in any way. Mr. Clark then called president of LCAA to explain Le Roy's position and to communicate our concern with travel expenses involved in the move to Division I. Mr. Holly also contacted the superintendent's representative from the LCAA to convey the same concerns. At the Athletic Director's meeting, Mr. Clark was asked by the President of the League to provide an update on where Le Roy stood at the present time. Mr. Clark made a request to Wayland-Cohocton School to see if there was any interest in switching divisions since Wayland-Cohocton was moved from Division I to Division II based on their BEDS enrollment numbers. The athletic director from Wayland-Cohocton indicated there would not be. Mr. Clark then opened it up to any school presently placed in Division II for the 2019-20 school year for any interest in switching. There was no interest in switching divisions among any of the Division II schools. Since placement in divisions by the LCAA is determined by the BEDS enrollment numbers, Mr. Clark distributed a projection to try and ascertain whether this is a one or two year blip or if Le Roy's enrollment would trend toward placement in Division I for the foreseeable future. This projection was based on the current calculation methods for placement, which eliminates the enrollment numbers for grade 11 and averages grades 9 and 10. Mr. Holly reported that the district has made a general inquiry to the Genesee Region Athletic Association with regard to timelines for application for admittance, if that is the direction the Board decides on, noting that no decision has been made at this point. Mr. Holly reported that a story ran in the Batavia Daily News on Monday, March 11th, outlining what took place at the Athletic Directors' meeting. He indicated that he had been hopeful that the story would run at a later date, after the district

had an opportunity to discuss the situation with all of its coaches. The Board of Education requested that Mr. Holly and Mr. Clark have that discussion with all Le Roy coaches to see what their thoughts are before proceeding with any further inquiries. This discussion will be revisited at the March 26th board meeting.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the following consent items, as listed:

1. Minutes of the February 26, 2019 regular meeting, as presented.
2. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon, as presented:

GENERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$	688,332.53
CAFETERIA ACCOUNT	-	\$	59.22
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT	-	\$	902.00

3. Recommendations of the Committee for Special Education, as presented and amended.

Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Presentation: Ms. Amanda Sheflin of Le Roy Physical Therapy and Village Fitness addressed the Board of Education during “National Athletic Training Month”. She outlined for the Board her various duties as the district’s athletic trainer. The athletic trainer holds hours after school, stays for practices as often as possible and makes herself available at many of the games and athletic events. Over the summer months, Ms. Sheflin provides a 6-8 week strength and conditioning program, called Summer B.L.A.S.T. (Biomechanical Learning and Stability Training), for students in grades 7-12 interested in competing in a sport. The B.L.A.S.T. camp will be held on Monday,

Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 – 10:30 am from July 8 – August 9, 2019 and will include a weightlifting component this year. The athletic trainer assists in completing the IMPACT baseline concussion testing for all of Le Roy’s student-athletes. Mrs. Sheflin would like to do IMPACT testing on all students in grades 7, 9 and 11, as she has seen an increasing number of non-sports related concussions among the student population. The IMPACT testing is good for two years. She will be updating and outlining the school district protocol for return to play following a concussion for distribution to parents at the meeting in August. Continuing for its second year, is the Sports Medicine class that Mrs. Sheflin runs on Tuesdays and Thursday from 7:00-7:40 am. There are approximately fifteen students participating in the class this year. Mrs. Sheflin also develops emergency action plans for each team, each year. She is looking into the possibility of including a weightlifting section in physical education classes.

Presentation: 2019-20 Budget: Mr. Foeller presented the preliminary 2019-20 budgets for Wolcott Street School, Le Roy Junior/Senior High School and the Special Education Department, along with the first overall review of the 2019-20 school budget proposal. He discussed some initial staffing requests and retirements. The budget and finance committee will continue to meet to review the second overall draft of the budget and the state aid package.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education approved the following 2019-20 extra-curricular and coaching appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
William Hunt	Modified Track Coach	Per LTA Contract
Sara Horgan	Mentor Teacher (to Allison Luxon) (0.50 FTE)	Per LTA Contract (prorated from 3/4/19)

Julie Doty	Mentor Teacher (to Allison Luxon) (0.50 FTE)	Per LTA Contract (prorated from 3/4/19)
Eric Miller	Volunteer Assistant Coach-Clay Target Team	N/A
Marc Lawrence	Volunteer Assistant Coach-Clay Target Team	N/A
Brian Wardell	Volunteer Assistant Coach-Clay Target Team	N/A
Mitchell Wardell	Volunteer Assistant Coach-Clay Target Team	N/A
Paul Tresco	Volunteer Assistant Coach-Clay Target Team	N/A
Bill Fox	Volunteer Assistant Coach-Clay Target Team	N/A
Paul Saeva	Volunteer Assistant Coach – Clay Target Team	N/A

Voting: 4 Yes, 1 No (Mrs. Duthe), 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the April 2020 Marching Band/Knights n’ Gals trip to Orlando, Florida, as presented at the February 26, 2019 Board of Education meeting. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education accepted the Request for Proposal agreement for external audit service submitted by Freed Maxick, as follows:

Audit Firm	Year End 2019	Year End 2020	Year End 2021	Year End 2022	Year End 2023
Freed Maxick & Battaglia, P.C.	17,750	18,275	18,825	19,400	19,950

Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. MacKenzie and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education accepted the generous donation to Le Roy Central School District Music Department from Mr. John Driscoll of one (1) LeBlanc Vito Reso-Tone 3 clarinet, serial number 097770-7212, valued at \$180.00. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the request of Mrs. Laura Curtis for enrollment of her daughter, Jillian Curtis, as a non-resident student in the 11th grade at Le Roy Junior/Senior High School for the 2019-20 school year. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement by and between Genesee Valley Educational Partnership and Le Roy Central School District regarding 2019 Regional Summer School. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance: The committee will set up meeting as NYS school aid numbers become clearer.

Negotiations: There will be a discussion in tonight's Executive Session.

On a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board entered into executive session at 8:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of tenure reviews; discussion of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation and discussion of collective negotiations. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. MacKenzie and seconded by Mr. Miller at 9:41 p.m. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel
District Clerk